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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Chief, Interdepartmental Affairs Staff, OPP
SUBJECT: NSC Meeting on FY 83 Foreign Assistance Budget

1. The attached paper was received this morning, and I have invited [redacted], John Stein, and NFAC to provide any comments they may have. The fact is that the Intelligence Community does not have much to say directly on this policy issue. In essence, all of our reporting and analysis, especially on the Third World, contributes to an appreciation of the importance of US foreign assistance as one of our foreign policy tools in the struggle against Communist influence/insurgencies and general instabilities. [redacted]

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2. The thrust of the issue is that State is pushing for increased funding over the FY 83 OMB ceiling. State argues that (1) the ceiling is unrealistic and would emasculate diplomatic operations; and (2) more funds are needed for foreign assistance to meet the President's foreign policy goals and the commitments made at Ottawa and Cancun. State appears to rest its case on the point that foreign assistance is as important to our national security as defense outlays, which have been increased. [redacted]

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3. I am sympathetic to State's claims. It would seem very incongruous for the US to talk tough, rebuild its military, and then skimp on foreign assistance. Helene Boatner urges also that you support State. She argues that given the dismal world food situation and other instabilities, better to cut the defense budget than foreign assistance--the disconnect between our Defense and States budgets is ludicrous. [redacted]

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Attachment

cc: DDCI
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NFAC - see above comments
DDO - no comments
NIC - no comments
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by 12:00.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Meetings

Type of Meeting : NSC
Date : Tuesday, 8 December
Time : 2-2:45
Place : Cabinet Room
Chaired By : President
Principal Only? : Yes
Subject/Agenda : FY 1983 Foreign Assistance Budget

When to Expect Papers: Papers are on the way via courier - should be here soon.

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